

WASSERVATIVES PAINT TO ALERT CLASH IN A. O. H.

Earnestly Strive to Repress Faction Seeking to Answer Father McDermott

APPARENTLY IN CONTROL

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 16.—Joseph McLaughlin, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, arrived in Pottsville at noon today and immediately took steps to have the convention ignore the attacks made upon the order by Father McDermott, of Philadelphia. He conferred with the State officers and county chairmen, and within a short time after his arrival, the word was passed around among the delegates that the offering of the resolutions condemning Father McDermott, or any other action which might be construed as a recognition of the attacks, would be "out of order."

Register of Wills James B. Sheehan, who is a former State president of the A. O. H., arrived with the national president. He will sit in the convention as a delegate.

"We are not going to pay any attention to what Father McDermott has said," he said. "We are not going to notice it. It went in one ear and out the other."

By a Staff Correspondent. POTTSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 16.—The conservative leaders in the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in State convention here, today are bending every effort to repress the faction within the order that seeks to fight back against the attacks of the Rev. Daniel J. McDermott, of Philadelphia, who is the first real business session of the convention at noon the conservatives apparently had succeeded in side-tracking the McDermott controversy from the convention. The conservatives are headed by State President Kilgallen and State Secretary John O'Dea, of Philadelphia. They have taken the position that the Hibernians should ignore the attacks made upon the order by Father McDermott, and ever since the convention opened yesterday they have been button-holing delegates to win them to their plan.

The recalcitrants have not been idle, however. Just before today's session they asserted that the resolutions denouncing Father McDermott and calling upon Archbishop Keane to accept his resignation which were to be presented at the convention despite the efforts of President Kilgallen. The sessions of the order have been made executive, and no one except delegates are admitted behind the locked doors.

STREAM-ROLLER OPERATED.

The conservatives gained a strong advantage over the faction when the conservative steam-roller was worked at the caucus of the Philadelphia delegates. The conservatives were able to present the McDermott controversy from being even mentioned in the caucus. The Philadelphia members for only 10 minutes, decided upon their committee assignments and then adjourned.

CONTROVERSY IGNORED.

No reference to the controversy with Father McDermott was made by the Rev. George P. Deegan, of St. Mary's Church, St. Clair, Schuylkill County, chaplain, who preached the sermon. He did not refer even to the Hibernians, confining his remarks to the Irish people in general.

CITY "GOAT" ON PARKWAY

Should the city of Philadelphia always be "the caprine hollow-horned ruminant," in other words, the goat?

Municipal Research Bureau Says Taxpayers Are Called on for High Charges to Buy Property

This is the query sent out by the weekly bulletin of the Bureau of Municipal Research, which gives some interesting data on the Parkway situation. It reads, in part, as follows:

DISPUTE ABOUT REGISTRARS

Board of Commissioners Hears Charges Made by Kensingtonians Concerning Apportionment

The Board of Registration Commissioners, whose personnel was recently changed by the city, today heard a dispute between leaders of the Vane and McMichael factions in the Eighteenth Ward. The room on the sixth floor, in which the hearing was held, was crowded by residents of Kensington, friendly to both sides in the quarrel.

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FOG HALTS SOCIETY AVIATOR

George C. Thomas, Jr., Delays Return Trip From Atlantic City Because of Bad Weather

High winds at Atlantic City and dense fog up the Delaware River today prevented George C. Thomas, Jr., of Chestnut Hill, from returning to Philadelphia in his hydro-aeroplane.

Thomas's trip to Atlantic City yesterday was his first. He journeyed the 140 miles in 1 hour and 45 minutes, beating the record of Kenneth Jaquith, the professional aviator.

Thomas is making the flights with Walter Johnson, an instructor of the Philadelphia School of Aviation at Eastington. He is a member of the Racquet Club, the Corinthian Yacht Club, Huntington Valley Country Club and several other athletic and social organizations. He intends to build a hangar at his home and make many flights about Philadelphia.

SHORE FINANCIERS MAY GO TO PRISON

Five Officials of West Jersey Mortgage Company Refuse to Testify at Receivers' Hearing

Presentment of five officials of the defunct West Jersey Mortgage Company, of Atlantic City, is threatened, because they refused to testify at a hearing before the Receiver, ex-Judge John B. Horner, held in Atlantic City yesterday morning.

Solicitor Harvey F. Carr, of Camden, has filed a petition with the court, asking the officers of the company, that he had made application before Chancellor Walker, in Trenton, for the arrest and imprisonment of George J. Goff, a prominent Atlantic City lawyer and director of several banking and real estate concerns; Herman Sphar, vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company, Atlantic City; John W. Halkins, executive engineer at the resort; Raymond P. Reed, an attorney; and Frederick G. Robbins, a director of the West Jersey Title and Guaranty Company, until such time as they submit themselves to an examination and pay the costs of the proceedings.

RECEIVERS' HEARING

The mentioned officials of the West Jersey Mortgage Company appeared before Receiver Horner yesterday, but all the suggestions of their counsel, which were intended to reveal the dealings of the company.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS MAY BE CLOSED BY HEALTH ORDER

Continued from Page One. which the position of the city authorities is made clear.

The Director today gave orders that no more street carnivals are to be held anywhere in the city. Six milkmen have been summoned to appear before him next Monday to show why they should not be arrested for selling milk in a filthy condition. Director Krusen said that his department intends to remedy this condition and to investigate the situation as relating to fruit stands in the better residential parts of the city.

WARNING TO PARENTS

Dr. J. M. Campbell, chief of State medical inspectors in Philadelphia, today issued a statement warning parents to keep their children in their own yards, and this was supplemented by a warning from Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, who said parents should keep their children at home and see particularly that they play in their own yards.

READING BARS ELKS' CHILDREN

HARRISBURG, Aug. 16.—Members of the Elks, who will attend the annual State convention of that order in Reading the week of August 25, will not be permitted to take with them children under 14 years of age. Warning to this effect, as a result of the infantile paralysis outbreak, was sent to officers of the order today. A similar warning was sent to those in charge of the annual outing of the Lutheran Home at Topton.

TWO CHILDREN DESERTED

Mother Leaves Them With Neighbor for "Short Time"—Didn't Come Back

Mrs. Joseph Snyder, 1520 East Silver street, gave two children to the care of the Philadelphia General Hospital today because they were left with her neighbor for a very short time a week ago, has not returned to claim them.

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Detectives are now looking for the mother. Mrs. Louise Callahan, who lived until last January at 1818 Tusculum street, Kensington, says her husband is a drunkard, committed to the House of Correction to serve six months on a charge of assault and battery. He broke a man's nose.

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News at a Glance

LA SALLE, Ill., Aug. 16.—Fire today destroyed the storehouse and spring building of the German-American Portland Cement Company, with a \$125,000 loss. The police charge that the fire was started by a worker at the plant, who attempted to prevent firemen from reaching the plant.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, has been here in connection with an investigation of rises in flour and wheat prices from the industrial standpoint, plans to leave for Washington tomorrow. He will lay what facts he has obtained before Government officials. It is not believed his presentation will recommend legal action by the Government.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Fifteen members of the Progressive party will take the stump in Maine for the Democratic ticket. The speakers are prepared to send some speakers into Maine. Democratic National Chairman McCombs plans to leave for Chicago next week. He returned from Washington today and will leave again for New York tomorrow. The Progressive advisory national committee.

AUGUSTA, Me., Aug. 16.—Charles W. Peterson will throw their oratorical forces into the Maine campaign. Mr. Peterson will speak on September 5. Dates for the campaign have not been announced. The vice presidential candidates will also speak in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Labor Day.

SHARON, Pa., Aug. 16.—James A. Stevens, of Sharon, was shot and killed today by burglars who escaped with \$100.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Amid the cheers of hundreds who filled the highway over the East River, the battleships Kentucky, New Jersey and Maine today left the Brooklyn Navy Yard, having on board 750 crew members. They will be on duty through a month's hard training at Fort Pond Bay near the upper end of Long Island.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Maule has been said to affect the sight and hearing, but the latest was sprung today by Robert W. Stevens, music professor at Chicago University, who says particular instruments and particular compositions have their distinctive tastes.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 16.—Thirty persons were injured, two seriously, in a collision of a runaway street car today.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug. 16.—Great destruction on the island by a storm which has been raging since midnight Monday. The full force of the disturbance is expected to strike the island today.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Preparations for the removal of Ralph Albert Biakelock, the artist, who has been an inmate of the Middlesex State Hospital for the insane for 16 years, are almost completed, and he will be taken to Lynwood Lodge, New Jersey, early next week.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 16.—The theft of \$10,000 in currency and negotiable bonds from the City Treasurer's office of North Vancouver was discovered when the treasurer called the vault today. The vault is within five yards of the North Vancouver Police Station and in plain view of passers-by.

CAIRO, Aug. 16.—The mother of Hussein Kemal, Sultan of Egypt, is dead at Alexandria.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The fall of the Perzan Ministry has been announced in a brief State Department dispatch, which says that former Foreign Minister Woodrow Wilson's resignation was accepted and a new ministry. Officials and diplomats have no explanation for the development, as it was thought the recent American Revolution had had removed the main causes of friction.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Minister Egan at Copenhagen has been instructed to request permission of the German authorities for the passage of Colonel John C. White, retired, through that country to Rumania, where he is to buy provisions for the American Red Cross. Captain White is expected back from his vacation late today or tomorrow.

On Monday Director Wilson gave out a notice of an order which he had issued, requiring all police officers to resign from "political" clubs. Yesterday he said he knew of no "political" club; that all the clubs he thought he meant when he issued the order had been "social" clubs, and policemen had a perfect right to belong to them. The Union Republican Club, of which Senator Edwin H. Vane is president, is regarded by Director Wilson as a "political" club.

LEBANON NEXT CONVENTION

TOWN OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS Session Will Close Tomorrow With Installation of Officers

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Aug. 16.—Delegates to the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias today selected Lebanon as the place for the next convention. Gettysburg and Erie also wanted the convention. This means that the Pythian Sisters, the auxiliary organization, will convene next year at Lebanon also. William Sylvester, of Pittsburgh, a member of the Fort Pitt Lodge, was elected Grand Outer Guard. He has held this office for four years. He announced that he would be a candidate for Grand Inner Guard next year.

LIMA DOCTOR TO WED HERE

Carlos A. de la Puente Gets License to Marry Widow, 19 Years His Senior

Dr. Carlos A. de la Puente, 1603 Mt. Vernon street, today obtained a license to wed Mary A. Bennett, of 1723 Oxford street.

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WORST OF RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE IS OVER, SAY GERMAN OFFICERS

By CARL W. ACKERMAN HEADQUARTERS OF VON HINDENBURG'S ARMY, Aug. 16.

"THE worst of the Russian offensive is over," one of the highest commanding officers on the eastern front told me today after a tour of inspection of the Austro-German lines.

"Completely halted at the Stokhod River in their efforts to reach Kovel, the Russians, undisturbed by this failure, have shifted their attacks southward, always striking against the Austrians.

"The temporary success of the Russians in the southeast is desperate strategy," said a German officer, "because the faster they advance with their left wing in the southeast the more they weaken the position of their right wing along the Stokhod."

It is admitted here that the Russians caught the Austrians by surprise at the beginning of the offensive. Aeroplanes reported Russian troops massing behind the Russian front, but no one believed the Russians as strong as they have been proved. The Russian tactics kept the Austrians guessing for several weeks, but now the whole Austro-German front is reorganized and the earlier Russian advantages are being overcome.

The fall of Stanislaw and Gorizia were admittedly unpleasant, but viewed strategically have a different meaning, according to German military men. These reverses are outweighed by the Russians' failure to reach Kovel and Lemberg. The German marvel that they didn't succeed in view of the gigantic English and French blows, but at the critical moment German troops arrived and stiffened the lines east of Kovel.

The new armies on this front are composed of Polish, German and Austro-Hungarian troops, which, officers said, illustrates the new spirit of comradeship and is a sure indication of the strength of the Central Powers.

RUSSIANS AIM HARD BLOWS IN GALICIA

Continued from Page One. broke through another series of strong positions on the Carso plateau, south of Gorizia, and have cleared the way for a thrust along the railway that skirts the Gulf of Trieste.

In view of this message, the Austrian staff is said to have sailed from the harbor of Trieste, its destination probably 300, 50 miles away.

The fall of Tolmino would force the Austrians to abandon the salient formed by the head in the Isonzo from that town to Gorizia. This wedge is similar to that which the Teutons held between Gorizia and Montebelluna, on the Lobero plateau.

Like the bridgehead at Gorizia, the Tolmino bridgehead has been one of the works without being able to force it.

With Tolmino lost, the Austrian positions at Plava and Canale would be flanked, both from the north and the south, at Gorizia. Thus the way would be cleared for an Italian advance along the whole line from Tolmino to the sea.

Until this Tolmino-Gorizia salient is wiped out any advance east of Gorizia, and even a movement eastward along the Carso, carries with it an element of danger, for the advancing forces would lay themselves open to an attack on the left flank.

HEAVY SHELLING BY BOTH ARMIES CHRONICLED IN HAIG'S OFFICIAL REPORT

LONDON, Aug. 16.—There was a severe artillery duel on the Somme front last night, but only minor infantry actions were reported today by the British War Office.

CANNONADES KEEP UP ON FRONTS AT VERDUN AND ALONG THE SOMME

PARIS, Aug. 16.—There was a lull last night in the infantry fighting along the French fronts on the Somme River and at Verdun.

ALLIES GAIN MORE GROUND IN THE LAKE DOIRAN REGION, FRENCH STAFF ANNOUNCES

SALONICA, Aug. 16.—Further progress has been made in the Allies' offensive against the Bulgarians in Macedonia according to the following official report issued by the French Headquarters Staff today:

There has been calm on almost the entire front except at the foot of Hill No. 27, where we have occupied two villages in the zone of Lake Doiran. This district last night was the scene of a series of infantry actions which permitted our advance still further along the terrain attacked.

BRITISH CONTINUE FRUITLESS ATTACKS ON POZIERES LINE, BERLIN WAR OFFICE SAYS

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—The British continued their fruitless attacks along the Thiepval-Pozieres line last night, but all of them broke down under the concentrated fire of the German batteries and machine guns, the German War Office stated today.

SEVERAL WILLS PROBATED

Reinhold Merkle's \$38,000 Estate Distributed in Private Bequests

Wills probated today were those of Reinhold Merkle, 3445 A street, which in private bequests disposed of property valued at \$34,900; George Rittel, 195 Hansberry street, \$13,500; Edna M. Rendell, Boston, Mass., \$5500, and Christiana Schmidt, 327 West Arizona street, \$2600.

TO EXAMINE MEN FOR ARSENAL JOB

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination to be held at the Postoffice on September 9 to fill a vacancy in the position of minor clerk at the Frankford Arsenal at a salary of \$540 to \$600 a year. The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who meet the requirements.

UP THE HUDSON

"300 Miles by River and Rail" NEXT SATURDAY

Also—Thursday, August 31 Sunday, September 10 \$2.50 ROUND TRIP

HAS EX-TENANTS ARRESTED

House Owner Accuses Them of Ripping Window Sashes, Water and Gas Pipes

City News in Brief

A charter was filed at Dover, Del. today, for the Victor Motor Company, of Philadelphia, capital, \$2,000,000, to manufacture motor cars, trucks, etc. The incorporators are Robert A. Johnson, C. V. Stahl and J. A. Neale, all of this city.

Marie Woodward, of 620 North Eighth street, was held by Magistrate Pease on Central Station this morning for a further hearing tomorrow in connection with the stabbing of Albert Wise, her fiancé, 25 years old, of Marine Barracks No. 1, Philadelphia Navy Yard, which occurred either in the Eighth street house or near it, the police believe, last night. The police say the girl was seen with a knife sticking in her belt some time before the stabbing occurred. Wise, when detectives took the girl to the Children's Homeopathic Hospital, said she had nothing to do with the stabbing.

The city government has an answer to complaints concerning the city limits about a strike out of the city's supply, according to City Solicitor John F. Connelly, who was asked by Director Joseph S. Dill, Laughtin, of the Department of Supplies, to determine the city's jurisdiction in advance of the threatened railroad strike.

Judge McMichael, dealing with a number of cases in which the husbands were tipplers, yesterday administered the pledge several times and advised each drinker that when he felt like taking a nip to postpone it one hour—and then drink water.

The sixteenth annual outing given by Arcetun Lodge, No. 35, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to the children of the Odd Fellows of Philadelphia, Germantown and Chelton avenues, Germantown, was held today on the grounds of that institution.

A petition is being circulated among Pennsylvania Railroad employees by Robert Frazier, a draftsman employed by the Nashville, Chattanooga and Louisville Railroad, asking that Congress make it impossible for a portion of railroad employees to strike and thus jeopardize the positions of many who have no sympathy with the strike.

Several Philadelphia men, enrolled in the military training camp at Plattsburg, have been promoted for efficient service. They include E. R. Drayton, 1715 Locust street; W. S. Smith, 424 Locust street; and D. C. Levy, 2207 Walnut street. They have all been assigned to special duties. Major General Leonard S. Wood has announced that the camp will continue this fall and expect a record-breaking enrollment for September.

The limit of weight on fourth-class mail matter, which was formerly four pounds, has been raised to 50 pounds in the first and second zones and to 20 pounds in all other zones, the change to take effect immediately, according to an announcement yesterday by W. P. Johnson, superintendent of the mails in this city.

Izadore Muchnick, 8 years old, of 545 Sigel street, died last night in the Pennsylvania Hospital from blood poisoning. The boy had been swimming in the public pool at Eighth and Millin streets, when he fell from a ladder and suffered an injured knee. The accident occurred last week.

The factional fight in the Women's Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been carried into court. The case comes up in the Court of Common Pleas No. 2 early in September, when the Pennsylvania society women will be implicated. The fight originated about two months ago, when the younger members of the society formed a "progressive" faction and attempted to oust Thomas S. Carlisle from his position as superintendent.

Hay fever sufferers who visit the Osteopathic Hospital, 832 Pine street, tonight or Tuesday or Friday nights thereafter, from 7 to 9 o'clock, will get free treatment. Dr. John H. Bailey will be in charge of the free clinic.

Local delegates to the annual convention of the Catholic Young Men's Society which will be held in New York August 20-22, will meet tonight at the Cahill Club, 1711 Sanson street. Legislation to be introduced at the convention by the Philadelphia delegates are especially interested in the convention inasmuch as the national president, Michael J. Slattery, and the national secretary, Sylvester A. Gault, Jr., are Philadelphiaans. The committee in charge includes Frank J. McDonnell, Thomas J. Hughes, John J. Hennessey, Thomas J. Thornton and Charles F. Gerhardt.

The Alliance Methodist Episcopal Church at the southwest corner of Eighth and Porter streets will probably be abandoned. When the church was erected about 10 years ago, the scope of its work was small and the congregation represented a large portion of the population of the southeastern section of the city. The former members of the congregation have moved away and a foreign element has settled in great numbers. The result is that the church is not on a self-supporting basis and is not producing results.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

BOOKKEEPER, assistant, neat writer, capable of figures, 19 years of age, experience and reliable. P. 116, Ledger Office.

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BOYS WANTED, near 16. P. 112, Ledger Office.

Reed's August Reprint Men's Fine Furnishings

50c Silk Neckwear, 25c \$1.00 " " \$1.00 \$1.50 " " \$1.00 \$2 & \$2.50 Knitted Silk Neckwear \$1.50 \$1.50 Mercerized Shirts \$1.00 \$3.50 Silk Shirts \$2.75 \$5.00 " " \$3.50 \$1.50 Pajamas \$1.00 75c & \$1 Leather Belts 50c

Underwear, Handkerchiefs, Bath-ropes and Waistcoats, for both day and evening wear, are included in the sale.

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SENATE NAVY BILL FOR BIG INCREASE PASSED BY HOUSE

Program Provides for Construction of 157 Vessels

66 TO BE BEGUN AT ONCE

What House Proposed and What It Accepts

THE following table shows what the Senate provisions of the Navy bill mean in number of ships, as compared with the program previously accepted by the House. The House has concurred in the Senate's larger provisions:

Table with columns: Ship Type, Quantity, Total. Rows include Battleships (4), Battle cruisers (4), Scout cruisers (4), Destroyers (20), Fleet submarines (9), Submarines, Neff system (9), Coast submarines (27), Fuel ships (3), Repair ships (1), Transports (1), Hospital ships (1), Destroyer tenders (2), Fleet auxiliary tenders (1), Ammunition ships (2), Gunboats (2). Total: 81, 157, 72. Total money figure carried in bill: \$1,315,000,000. Total appropriations for three-year program: \$488,000,000. Total cost of first year's ships: \$110,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The House late yesterday adopted the Senate shipbuilding program and personnel amendments by a vote of 283 to 51. The bill provides for eight capital ships next year—four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers. The personnel amendment increases the navy's strength in men to 74,400.

At the request of Chairman Padgett of the Naval Affairs committee, the Navy Bill was returned to conference, where a number of items which the House Senate conferees could come to no agreement on will be threshed out. The items in dispute include projects for enlarging and improving shipyards, docks and public works, and involve appropriations of \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Of these items, the shipbuilding program 25 are Democrats, 15 Republicans and one Socialist.

Two hours were spent in debate on the bill. Representative Charles Keating, of Michigan, Representative Charles Keating, of Michigan, Representative Charles Keating, of Michigan, opposing it and making a vigorous speech. Chairman Padgett closed the discussion by urging the retention of members to the President's earnest approval for the passage of the bill.

The program authorizes 167 new ships for the navy, 85 of which are to be begun as soon as practicable, and the construction of the remainder to be begun prior to July 1, 1919. The ships authorized are 46 battleships, 6 battle cruisers, 40 scout cruisers, 53 torpedo boat destroyers, 1 submarine with Neff system of propulsion, 2 fuel ships, 2 ammunition ships, 1 hospital ship, 1 repair ship, 1 transport, 1 destroyer tender, 1 fleet submarine tender, 2 gunboats.

Of this number the following are to be begun next October: Four battleships, 4 battle cruisers, 4 scout cruisers, 20 torpedo boat destroyers, 40 scout submarines, 1 fuel ship, 1 ammunition ship, 1 hospital ship, 1 gunboat.

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